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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of October 28, 2005. Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute the species identified as "Figure 5", in which claims 1-15 read thereon.

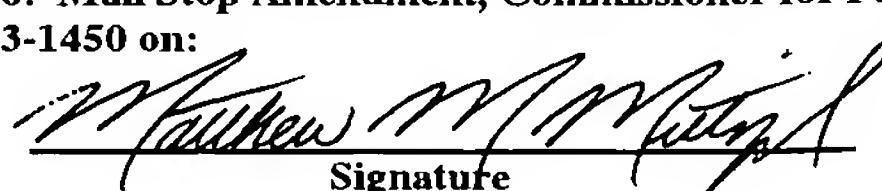
In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on November 1, 2005, the Examiner clarified that the species identified as "Figure 1" includes the embodiments shown in Figures 1-4. In addition, Applicants argued and the Examiner agreed that claim 1 is generic. Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge that claim 1 is generic in the next official correspondence.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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